

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, and 8 are independent. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 are hereby amended. Claims 9-11 are hereby added. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,123,813 to Inoue. (hereinafter, merely "Inoue")

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"...control means for recognizing a controlled state of an external recording device when a communication is enabled with the recording device through communication means conforming to a predetermined transmission method; and

input means for allowing the recording device to execute an application needed for a recording operation obtained by controlling the recording device,

wherein, when the application is executed as a function of a command issued by the imaging device, only a command for a termination of the application is allowed and every other command is disabled...” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Inoue relates to a television signal receiver that is connected to a plurality of recording apparatuses, and controls each of the plurality of recording apparatuses to record program data received by the television signal receiver.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Inoue that would teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicants submit that Inoue fails to teach or suggest control means for recognizing a controlled state of an external recording device when a communication is enabled with the recording device such that when the application is executed as a function of a command issued by the imaging device, **only a command for a termination of the application is allowed and all commands are disabled**, as recited in claim 1.

Indeed, Inoue is contrasted with the present invention, as claimed in claim 1, because Inoue describes “[w]hen the instruction to display the EPGs has been input from the operation unit 214 , the system control unit 216 reads **necessary information from the EPG memory 207** , and outputs the read information to an EPG decoder 206.” (See, *e.g.*, Inoue, column 5, lines 8-28) (emphasis added)

Therefore, Applicants submit that the cited portions of Inoue does not render claim 1 unpatentable.

Therefore, claim 1 is patentable. Claims 4 and 8 are also patentable for similar or somewhat similar reasons.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

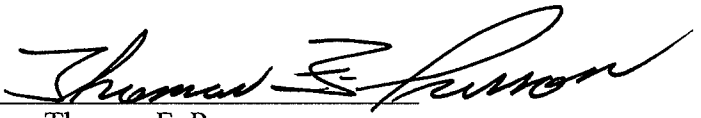
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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